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Annotated provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rules 18 and 80 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Committee will elect its officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda for the present session was approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2000/309.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, paragraph 32 (a), and rule 84 of the rules of procedure of the Council, several non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council have requested to be heard by the Council in connection with items in the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2001 of the Council (E/2001/100), namely:

- (a) Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (general segment);
- (b) Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement — International (high-level segment);
- (c) Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) (high-level segment);
- (d) Centro de Ricerca e Documentazione Febbraio 74 (high-level segment).

Documentation

E/C.2/2001/CRP.4

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

- (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee
- (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and act thereon. The Committee will also consider applications and requests for reclassification that were deferred from sessions of prior years.

Documentation

Applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee: memorandum by the Secretary-General held in 1998, 1999 and 2000 (E/C.2/2001/CRP.1)

Deferred applications for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2001/CRP.2 and E/C.2/2000/R.3/Add.1 and R3/Add.2)

New applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2001/R.2 and R.2/Add.1-5)

New requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2001/R.3)

4. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations

The Committee decided that this item would remain in the agenda and that the Committee would address, time permitting, the issue of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations and their participation in the work of the United Nations.

Documentation

Summary note of the Meetings held by the working group

(b) Consideration of organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31

At its resumed 2000 session, the Committee reviewed the issue of non-governmental organizations whose defining characteristics were not considered by the Committee to be in strict conformity with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, namely, commercial/industrial, professional, religious, research/education, and Government-funded organizations. The Committee made substantive progress in clearing the backlog of applications from previous years. The Committee will consider the remaining six applications of organizations that have applied for consultative status with the Council.

Documentation

Compilation of non-governmental organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1999/CRP.5)

(c) Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat

In view of the continued expansion of the functions and responsibilities of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to meet the demand of a growing number of applications for consultative status as well as the diverse, more substantive demands of a larger and more active non-governmental organizations community, the Committee decided, at its 2000 session, that this item would remain in the agenda of the Committee and reaffirmed its support to the ongoing process of strengthening the Non-Governmental Organizations Section.

(d) Other related matters

The Committee will review the requests from several non-governmental organizations to resign their consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

The Committee will also consider any matter of interest related to the review of the methods of work under this sub-item.

5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1996/302, decided that the non-governmental organizations referred to in its decision 1993/220 that wished to expand their participation in other fields of the Council should so inform the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. At its resumed 2000 session, the Committee decided to review the application of this decision at its 2001 session.

The Committee will have before it the applications of non-governmental organizations from its previous session that have applied for such consideration.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat summarizing consultations with the Office of Legal Affairs and the Division for Sustainable Development (E/C.2/2001/CRP.4)

6. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

In accordance with the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1996/31, such organizations are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations. After examining the reports, the Committee may recommend to the Council any reclassification in the status of the organizations concerned that it deems appropriate. The Committee will consider:

- (a) Pending quadrennial reports submitted by organizations on their activities during the periods 1994-1997, 1995-1998, 1996-1999 and 1997-2000;
- (b) Reports deferred from previous sessions for the periods 1993-1996, 1994-1997 and 1995-1998.

Documentation

Quadrennial reports, 1996-1999, submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31: note by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2001/2 and Add.1-19)

Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2000/CRP.2 and E/C.2/2000/2 and Add.1)

7. Consideration of special reports

At its 2000 resumed session, the Committee reviewed the special reports of the United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation and the World Confederation of Labour and decided to defer to its 2001 session the consideration of the special

report of the United Towns Agency. The Committee also requested Freedom House to submit a special report to its 2001 regular session.

Documentation

E/C.2/2000/3 and E/C.2/2001/3

8. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2002 session of the Committee

In its resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee is required to adopt its report for submission to the Economic and Social Council.
